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Michael Bangura
Office of Finance
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Patent No. 6983208
Payment Year: 3.5
TDY Reference No.: 240P-2003-003US1

Dear Mr. Bangura:

Our vendor, Computer Packages Incorporation, paid the 4th year annuity due for a small entity in the amount of \$490 on July 6, 2009, but should have paid the amount for a large entity.

On July 14, we faxed to the Status & Entity Branch, Office of Finance a request to change the status from a small to a large entity and the USPTO record now reflects the correct status.

We would like to pay the deficiency between the small and large entity fee due for the 4th year annuity and any surcharges that may apply.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency and any surcharges to our Deposit Account No. 181750.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Zoetewey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Zoetewey

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Docket No.: A8130.0141/P141
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Letters Patent of:
Donald J. Rose

Patent No.: 6,991,636

Issued: January 31, 2006

For: NITINOL LOOP SUTURE PASSER

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION AND CHANGE IN ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

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The patent owner no longer qualifies as a small entity. To the best knowledge of the undersigned, the small entity status was established in good faith. However, it appears that certain fees in the above referenced case have been erroneously paid at the small entity rate.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c) applicant herewith provides payment of the deficiency between the actual amount paid, and the amount due. These amounts include:

Title	Date	Paid Amount	Large Entity Amount	Deficiency
First Maintenance Fee	07/30/2009	\$490.00	\$980.00	\$490.00
Total:				\$490.00

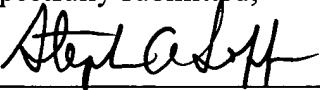
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Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$490.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(e). Credit Card Payment Form SB-2038, with a signature from an authorized cardholder, is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. A8130.0141/P141.

Dated: July 30, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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